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Subject: Malibu

I see this went to Jared and others in the region.

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Subject: Malibu Schools' Contamination Case-- Draft Language for EPA's Media Office Use, if Needed***

Thanks Lora, that is correct.

Has anybody raised that question with EPA? Who? Could I have a copy of all emails, memos, etc. related to this?

All advice I have given folks on this case is consistent with EPA policies, and not in my Official capacity.

Per EPA policies, I have directed folks to EPA Region 9 for EPA's Official actions on the Malibu schools' contamination case.

Thanks again Lora for your help on this.

Be well, Hugh

P.S. You should also be aware that:

1. Like the Love Canal, NY case, it appears that the CA State and local Officials may have been communicating false, misleading, and inaccurate information on the Malibu schools' contamination case [the hazardous materials documented to be on the schools' site, besides PCBs, includes Chlordane, DDT, arsenic, cadmium, lead, benzene, etc.]

For example, I just became aware that the CA State Environmental Protection Agency--Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), in 2000, falsely claimed that no agricultural activity (e.g.. Use of pesticides) occurred or no hazardous substances releases would occur on site [as result of proposed new construction].
http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/regulators/deliverable_documents/7977246940/Malibu%20HS%20May%202009%20findings%20letter.pdf

2. PEER last week requested comprehensive testing of the schools' environment to protect the public health and environment of the students, teachers, and school employees from documented hazardous materials on site (eg. Chlordane, DDT, arsenic, cadmium, lead, benzene, asbestos, PCBs, etc.).

<http://www.peer.org/news/news-releases/2013/11/25/malibu-teachers-demand-broader-toxic-testing-at-school/#.UpOXf3ayqEo.facebook>

http://www.malibutimes.com/news/article_26d782d4-5601-11e3-be02-0019bb2963f4.html

<http://www.examiner.com/article/malibu-school-district-risks-health-of-students-and-teachers-officials-deny>

3. The environmental health risks at the Malibu schools continue to get National and International media attention (e.g.. Celebrities' kids go to the Malibu school, like Cindy Crawford's kids).

<http://www.thenation.com/blog/177365/return-love-canal-and-current-toxic-chemical-controversy#>

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/oct/09/malibu-high-school-teachers-cancer-fears>

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Subject: ***Please Respond by COB Today -- Draft Language for EPA's Media Office Use, if Needed***

Hi Hugh,

Would you please take a look at the draft language below. It will be shared with EPA's public affairs officers for them to use if they are asked about your involvement regarding the PCBs at the Malibu High School. If you have any objections, please let me know by the close of business today, December 5, 2013.

Thank you,

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Hugh Kaufman has no official EPA responsibilities or duties in matters regarding PCBs at the Malibu High School. He does not represent EPA or speak for EPA on these matters. Nor do his comments reflect any official EPA involvement. The comments he made were in a personal, nonofficial capacity.